## FEMA Announces Nearly \$3 Billion in Funding Selections to Drive Resilience to Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events

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**BOTHELL, Wash.** - Today, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas, FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, and Senior Advisor to the President and White House Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu announced the project selections for nearly \$3 billion in climate resilience funding as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda. The selections, through two competitive grant programs, will help communities across the nation enhance resilience to climate change and extreme weather events.

Today's selections include \$1.8 billion for critical resilience projects funded by the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) national competition and \$642 million for Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) community-scale flood mitigation projects. These selections build on \$160 million in BRIC and FMA selections that FEMA announced in May for efforts to support mitigation projects, project scoping, and adoption of hazard-resistant building codes. Combined, the funds awarded this grant cycle of the BRIC and FMA programs total nearly \$3 billion including management costs.

"Today is an exciting day for disaster resilience in FEMA Region 10's states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington," said FEMA Region 10 Administrator Willie G. Nunn. "Each state has received multi-million dollar selections from the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) fiscal year 2022 grant program. These selections will vastly improve the resilience of our region and tackle challenging issues we collectively face, like the City of Portland's effort to reduce extreme urban heat by planting over 10,500 trees in targeted urban locations."



"From Hawaii to Maine, and everywhere in between, we are seeing the increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters, devastating communities nationwide. Though FEMA will always help communities respond and recover to these disasters, it is also paramount to build resilience before disasters strike," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "Thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we have more resources than ever to meet this moment and provide our state, local, territorial, and tribal partners with the resources they need to help us create a more resilient nation."

The top five primary hazard sources of the projects selected in the <u>national</u> <u>competition</u> for each program include flooding, infrastructure failure, fire, drought and dam or levee break hazards.

These new selections can be found online. Learn more at fema.gov.

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